

Good Morning Representative Morin,

I am writing in support of House Bill 5945, The Internet Auction of CT M.V. License Plates issued by the CT D.M.V.

This bill represents a revenue generating auction of CT M.V. License Plates which is a strictly voluntary tax that does not impose a tax on anyone who chooses not to participate. It would generate revenue that is badly needed in this extremely difficult fiscal year and years to follow. The money raised from the sale of the plates could be locked into the Transportation budget for the ambitious infrastructure improvement projects the Governor outlined in his budget address and that is supported by both parties as essential to the future growth of Connecticut and it's ability to compete with other states for new business and industry.

Once again The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles opposed this bill and any other bill that would require any degree of effort on the part of D.M.V. to implement. He noted the new computer system as the major obstacle. Isn't this the ideal time to implement programs that would be incorporated into the D.M.V. system. It would appear to me that the Commissioner is simply trying to avoid the effort necessary to implement this project. We elect representatives and Governors, to advocate and promote legislation that will be beneficial to the people of Connecticut, and expect that the people they appoint to leadership positions would do the same.

Revenue generating legislation cannot be postponed simply because it requires some effort on the part of the people appointed to do just that.

The mechanics of this bill are all defined in the patented program we are promoting. The incorporation into the D.M.V. computer system is not that cumbersome that it should be delayed. The cost of implementation is minor compared to the revenue it will generate.

I urge you, and all the legislature to vote in favor of passage of this bill for the Governor's signature.

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